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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

MASAMI TAKIMOTO ET AL : GROUP ART UNIT

SERIAL NO: 10/018,012 :

FILED: DECEMBER 14, 2001 : EXAMINER:

FOR: COLOR PIGMENT MASTER :
BATCH AND BLOW MOLDING
METHOD USING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 5 as follows:

5. (Amended) A blow-molded article having a grain-tone appearance prepared by blow-molding a molding material comprising as a pigment, 1 to 10 % by weight based on the molding material, of a base color pigment master batch comprising a base color pigment and a carrier resin having a melting temperature which is not higher than a melting temperature of a molding base resin and 0.1 to 5 % by weight based on the molding material, of the color pigment master batch as described in claim 1 as a pigment.

Please add new Claims 7 and 8 as follows: